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SUBJECT: CONSULTING GROUP OF NEGOTIATING GROUP III

(CONTINENTAL SHELF) AND PLENARY OF NEGOTIATING

GROUP III - 27 AUGUST

1. BOTH THE SMALL CONSULTING GROUP AND THE INFORMAL
NEGOTIATING GROUP ON THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN MET AUGUST 27,
WITH THE DISCUSSION CONCENTRATING IN BOTH INSTANCES UPON
REVENUE SHARING.

2. IN THE CONSULTING GROUP, ATTENTION FOCUSSED ON THE
SENEGALESE PROPOSAL TO EXCLUDE DEVELOPING STATES FROM THE
OBLIGATION TO SHARE REVENUES FROM EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL
RESOURCES OF THEIR CONTINENTAL SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES.

PAKISTAN AND ARGENTINA SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL, WHILE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, UK, AND FRG, AND
CERTAIN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SINGAPORE AND
NEPAL (AND UAE IN PLENARY) EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO

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ANY DOUBLE STANDARD.

3. IN THE NEGOTIATING GROUP, ACTING COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN NJENGA (KENYA) GAVE A PERSONAL REPORT ON PROGRESS
OF THE SMALL CONSULTATIVE GROUP. HE INDICATED DISCUSSION
ON DEFINING THE OUTER EDGE OF THE MARGIN REVOLVED AROUND
THE IRISH PROPOSAL, BUT THAT NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.
HE LIKEWISE NOTED THAT NO COMPROMISE HAD BEEN REACHED ON
REVENUE SHARING, BUT THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. (U.S.
DEL CONCURS). NJENGA EXPRESSED HIS OPTIMISM, AND
CHARACTERIZED THE MARGIN NEGOTIATIONS AS PRODUCTIVE.

4. DISCUSSION ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS
FOLLOWED. CANADA STATED THAT PACKAGE OF IRISH FORMULA
PLUS REVENUE SHARING MUST BE VIEWED AS MAJOR CONCESSION
BY BROAD MARGIN GROUP. IN RESPONSE, AUSTRIA INDICATED
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION
OVER CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES PROVIDED THAT
THERE IS REVENUE SHARING, AND SOME RECOGNITION OF
PARTICIPATION BY THE LL/GDS STATES IN THE EXPLOITATION
OF MINERAL RESOURCES. (PARTICIPATION WAS DEFINED BY
AUSTRIA AS FORMATION OF COMPANIES, JOINT VENTURES,
LICENSING BY COASTAL STATE.) ALGERIA, IRAQ, AND ZAMBIA,
REJECTED THE CONCEPT OF ANY COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION
BEYOND 200 MILES.

5. FYI: MEXICO (TELLO) PRIVATELY INFORMED US
THAT LDCS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE EXEMPT FROM REVENUE
SHARING OBLIGATION (ART. 70, PARA. 3). THEY ARE
CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL THAT REVENUES SHOULD BE
DISTRIBUTED ONLY TO DEVELOPING LANDLOCKED STATES.
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